

by that continuing Clause from 1715 was expired in 1725. But the Truth and Reason of the Thing is this, that when a Law is revived, it is impossible by any Words or Design of the Legislature to revive the continuing Clause, since the Time is expired to which it only relates; and therefore, as Time cannot be brought back again, that Clause can never be said to be revived: And as the continuing Clauses must necessarily cease, and be afterwards ever void to all Intents and Purposes, of themselves, the Legislators in any Country never did, in any Instance whatsoever, either of reviving, or perpetual, Laws, repeal a continuing Clause; since it would be unnecessary and ridiculous to make void what in Nature never could be supposed good; and it is sufficient to answer all Purposes, if the Purview of the Law is revived without the continuing Clause.

As for the supplementary Act to the Act for the ordering and regulating the Militia of this Province, for the better Defence and Security thereof; the Title of that expressly refers to the Act. This is the Act which appears in our Body of Laws: This is the Act under which the Militia has been always regulated and considered, and the Security of the Province against Invasions and Insurrections, only depends. Is not this an Attempt evidently calculated to explain, or rather quibble, away the Militia Laws, and leave the Country defenceless against any foreign or domestic Enemy, and to subject all the military Officers in the Country to endless Suits and Disputes, for every Thing they have done in Virtue of the said Law? From these Circumstances I may fairly conclude, This is the Act, and no other, referred to in the supplementary Act, which the Legislators then, and before considered as a perpetual Law; and which I am so thoroughly convinced to be so, that for the sake, Defence, and Ease, of the Province, I am determined, with the Advice of the Council, to put the same in Execution in all it's Parts, as often as Occasion requires; 'til I am satisfied by some better Reasons, That this Law of 1715 has been expired ever since 1725, contrary to that common Sense which I am Master of.

T. BLADEN.

The Business of this Session being finished, Col. King, and Maj. Hall, are sent to acquaint his Excellency, that no Public Business lies before this House.

Col. Plater, from the Upper House, acquaints Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the immediate Attendance of the Lower House in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, attended by the several Members of the Lower House, went to the Council Chamber; where his Excellency Passed the several following Ingrossed Bills into Laws, in the usual manner, by Sealing them with the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor his Great Seal at Arms, and Indorsing them thus, *On Behalf of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, I will this be a Law: Viz.*

*An Act continuing an Act, entituled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.*

*An additional supplementary Act to the Act, entituled, An Act for laying out and erecting a Town at a Place called Long-Point, on the West side of North-east River, in Cecil County.*

*A supplementary Act to the Act, entituled, An Act to enable Commissioners therein named, to lay out Forty Acres of Land into Eighty Lots for a Town on Indian River in Worcester County, as also Forty Acres of Land into Eighty Lots at the Head of Affeteague Creek, at a Place commonly called the Trap, for a Town.*

*A supplementary Act to the Act, entituled, An Act appointing Commissioners for dividing St. Mary's County into Four Parishes, and to erect that Part of All Faith and King and Queen Parish lying in Charles County, into a distinct Parish.*

*An Act for laying out the Town a-new commonly called Princess Anne Town in Somerset County.*

*An Act to prohibit raising of Swine and Geese in the Town of Cambridge in Dorchester County.*

*An Act to empower and direct the Clerk of Anne-Arundel County Court to enter and record among the said County Records, a Deed of Bargain and Sale from William Mitchel, Edward Mitchel and Grace his Wife, to Mordecai Moore, deceased.*

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